PRICE TWO CENTS.

THIS IS THE SEQUE

To the Very Tragic Death of Miss Lelia Herbert,

WHO TOOK HER OWN LIFE.

Bliss Wells, an Accomplished Lady of Washington, Shoots Herselfand Follows Her Friend to that Bourne from Whence no Traveler Returns - The Latest Tragedy in the Capital Creates a Semantion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26,-The recent tragic death of Miss Lella Herbert, the daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy, is given as the reason for the suicide which occurred to-day, of Annie Virginia Wells, an accomplished young society woman, and daughter of Mr. Lewis S Wells, a well known attorney, oung woman shot herself through the residence of her father, 1311 N street, Northwest.

Miss Wells had met Miss Herbert a number of times and was very much attached to her. She, herself, had been confined to the house for four months by illness, and this combined with the shock caused by the death of her friend, brought on melancholia which resulted in suicide. The deed was apparently entirely unpremedi-tated and coming immediately after the Christmas festivities in the house, com-pletely prostrated her aged mother. Miss Wells was thirty-three years of age and very beautiful.

TWO APPOINTMENTS

To He Made of Interest to West Virgin-ians—Mr. Petty to Get the Charleston Postoffice, and Mr. McCaskey to Succeed Mr. McEtdowney at New Martinaville. Epecial Diapatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Two West Virginia postoffice appointments of the residential class will be made early in

Virginia postoffice appointments of the presidential class will be made early in January, one at Charleston and the other at New Martinsville. The first named office will be filled by Representative Dorr's candidate, Mr. Petty, and the other by Representative Dovener's selection, Mr. J. F. McCaskey, of which Senator Eikhas has given his endorsement. There was a strong effort made to prevent a change at Charleston. The incumbent is a widow of Senator Kenna, for whom, of course, the Republicans entertain great respect. The reasons advanced by her immediate personal and political friends for her rotention were not, however, regarded as sufficient to justify her reappointment, and Mr. Petty's name will be in the list of appointments sent to the senate as soon as the re-assembling of Congress.

There were eleven applicants for the office at New Martinsville, all of them good and worthy men, but after a canvass of the situation it seemed to Mr. Dovener that Mr. McCaskey's endorsements warranted his appointment and the recommendation will be made at once.

It was the understanding when Mr.

was the understanding when Mr McEldowney, the encumbent, was confirmed last June, that his tenure should cease at the termination of the four years from the original appoinment. The office was raised from the fourth class to the presidential about one year ago.

It Took Ten Men.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 26.-A huge cinnamon bear, which was shipped by express from Leavenworth, Kas., to express from Leavenworth, Kas., to Baraboo, Wis., escaped from its crate in the express car at Western Union Junction on the Chicago. Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad yesterday, while en route to its destination. The express messenger was driven from the car, the bear taking complete possession, devouring packages of apples and caudy and destroying way bills. When the train arrived in Milwaukee, it took ten men to secure the vicious animal.

Do You Know Him?

in a restaurant to-night and died shortly afterwards. Mr. Herey was seventy-four years of age. Joseph Lemar, a civil engineer who has had business relations engineer who has had business relations with Hersy said that Mr. Hersy was a former president of the steel manufacturers association, and that he was the inventor of the open hearth steel process. For a year, it is stated, he had been concerned in a large land speculation at Berryville, W. Va. He is said to have left a large estate.

NORLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 26 .- A fatal accident occurred at Terhune, fal necident occurred at Terhune, a small town northwest of this city, last might, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Miss. Clara Britiain were returning from a Christmas entertainment when a northbound freight train on the Monon road struck their carriage. Miss lirattain's skull was fractured and she died at midnight. Mrs. Moore cannot recover; Mr. Moore was slightly injured. Mrs. Moore were married on Mrs. Moore were married on the angle of the Mrs. Moore were married on the angle of the married on th Mr. and Mrs. Moore were murried on Thursday, and this was the first time they had been out together.

Feries of Ball Fights.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 26 .- The last of the series of bull fights by Mazzaltini was given this afternoon and was at ended by seven thousand people. Chomas Mazzatini narrowly escaped with his life, being tossed by an infur-ted bull and gored in the head. Ten horses were killed and six bulls, the busal number. The fight was not up to the usual standard.

Don't Blame It on the Dog.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 21—Rudolph bericke, aged thirty-three, son of Dr. bericke, of Philadelphia, and his broher Edward, of Chleago, were rowing in Keuke Lake, three miles from Ham mondsport, Christmas night, when the total was upset by their dog. Both men were taken from the water allvo, but Rudoinh died atmost immediately after he was brought ashore.

Beath of an Athlese.

ALBANY N. Y. Dec. 26—John Cos-grave, well-known athlete, died in the distribution to day affer an operation for appendictis. He was a member of the Hidzefield A. C. and the Tenth bat-salon A. C. A. A. of the National Court

After a Stormer Pausign

WHERE THEY SUFFER.

Phe Situation to Dawson City is Pitlable.

Starvation. SKAGUAY, Alaska, Dec. 17, via SE-ATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—John Lindsay of Olympia, Wash., who has just arrived from Dawson City, says there will surely be starvation there this winter He examined into the food situation it a thorough manner, he says, and after satisfying himself that there would be starvation, he sold his outfit and in company with Frank Ballaine, of Olympia, Warh., Tom Storey, of Victoria, B. C., and Bob Glynn, of Seattle, started out on foot, each man drawing a sled carrying about one hundred and forty pounds of provisions. Linday says th Dawson people believe that there is no great amount of food at Fort Yukon, us has been alleged. The river rose sufficiently and remained open long enough to enable food supply to have been brought from Fort Yukon had there been any there.

The people of Dawson, believing that there was not ample food supplies at

there was not ample food supplies at Fort Yukon, refused to go there, preferring to remain in Dawson. No more than three hundred or four hundred people took advantage of the transportation company's offer to take the people to Fort Yukon free of charge.

When the miners at Dawson found that no more provisions would reach the town by the river route, they announced that a meeting would be held, to take steps for apportioning the provisions in the town. Those that had plenty, they said, must share with those who had none. Captain Constantine, of the northwest mounted police, interfered and told the miners that no such thing would be permitted. The meeting was not held.

Lindsay says the output of the mines will be greatly curtailed this winter because of the scarcity of food and light. Coal oil sold for \$55 a gallon and candles are as high as \$150 a tox of one hundred. Even if the men were able to

as high as \$150 a box of one hund. Even if the men were able to work their claims they cannot get light

These statements are born out by all These statements are born out by all returning Klondikers, quite a number of whom have reached here the past week. Few of them, however, take a gloomier view of the situation than does Mr. Lindsay.

Dr. B. L. Bradler, of Rossburg, Ore..

Dr. B. L. Bradley, of Rossburg, Ore., says that food is scarce, but he does not think that there will be actual starvation. Neither Dr. W. S. King, of Merced, Cala.; P. J. Holland, of Butte: Thomas Storey, of Victoria, or Robert Glynn, of Seattle, all of whom arrived here this week from Dawson, the most of them having left there on November 2. As an instance of the scarcity of food in Dawson, Lindsay states the case of Dr. Van Zandt, formerly of Spokane, Washington. Van Zandt is an ellerly man and being without provisions or money, he offered a gold watch for a sack of flour. He could not get it and remarked to Lindsay; "God only knows how I am to keep body and soul together."

Lindsay says two hundred or more

Lindshy says two hundred or mor Miners are prospecting at the mouth of Stewart river, but nothing is known as yet what success they achieved.

Henderson Creek, five miles below Stewart river, and forty miles from Dawson, is a promising stream, and it is being developed this winter. The weather about the Stewart and Big Salmon rivers has been bitterly cold, seventy degrees below zero being recorded at Major Walsh's camp, twelve miles below the Big Salmon, on No-vember 30.

vember 30.

The Yukon river between Dawson and Fort Pelly froze completely over on November 18. The river is piled full of ice in great ridges as high as an ordinary house, and a roadway will have to be cut through it before dog or horse teams can operate upon it. The outlook, therefore, for taking supplies down to Dawson in the immediate future is not good.

a week ago with a number of dog teams and horses to make the attempt to reach Dawson with about twenty tens of provisions, but nothing has since been heard of him.

NEXT FRIDAY.

That is the Ominous Day, But the Latest News from Chicago Intimates That it Will be Eventful.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.-Friday, which will witness the close of the great Letic deal in wheat on the board of trade, bids fair to prove a memorable day in the trade. No great excitement is expected in the wheat pit, but in oats a squeeze of chorts may occur.

The wheat deal of my son has brought to the farm some ten or fifteen cents more for their wheat than if he had not gone into it," L. Z. Leiter said to-day, in talking of the great battle between Jos greateph Lelter on the one side and the elevator companies on the other. "My son has been the benefactor of the agri-cultural industries of the country to that cultural industries of the country to that extent. The seller is now dictating the price of his product, not the purchaser. Chicago makes the market price of wheat, not Liverpool. And the local influences, which have been so long foreconstantly lower prices have ceased to control Chicago markets."

It is believed that Mr. Leiter has been twentigen pick on the local to the price of the local transfer.

at is believed that Mr. Leiter has been turning a trick on the trade in cats while everybody was watching wheat. For weeks the cats pit has been practically leserted.

deserted.

Last week there was a disagreeable surprise to the men who had sold 6,000,000 bushels of oats for December delivery when they learned that no oats were being delivered. Then they awoke to the fact that in all the Chicago elevators oats measured but 950,000 bushels of the contract grades.

ontract grades.
It was on Wednesday when the dis overy was mads. The price of December oats was then 20%. On Friday II market closed at 12%. A cent advant to oats is as good as four or five cents wheat. It is too late to rush to a supple to meet the calls which will be made for wheat. It is too late to rish in a supply to meet the calls which will be made for the grain at the close of business on Fri-day. Those who have not delivered the grain according to contract will be called upon to settle at the closing prices. The situation has all the elements of a squeeze.

Will He Cremated.

PITTSHUHHH, Pa., Dec. 26 -Mrs Catherine Morrison Hegan, only aunit of Andrew Carnegie, died this mornof Andrew Carnegie, died this morn-ing, the result of a stroke of paralysia. His has been in a semi-conscious state since December 19, Mrs. Hogan was born in Dumierline, Sectland, eighty-six years and, and had been in this country fitty-seven years. Her remains will be privately cremated on Tues-day.

SCOVEL, HIMSELF,

Must Have Circulated the Rumors of His Execution

BY THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

Because They Are Not True-He is Alleged to Be on a Peace Mission-The Coudition of the Concentsados is Worse Than Under "Butcher" Weyler's Ad. ministration-Troublesome Time for the Police of Havana on Christmas Eve. Intexicated Spaniards Nearly Precipitate a litot.

HAVANA, via Key West, Fla., Dec. 26.—Rumors which have been circulated here that Sylvester Scovel, a New York newspaper correspondent, had been hanged by the insurgents are untrue, It is reported that he and Senor Rafael Madrigat, the American consul at Sancti Spiritus, were the bearers of an important dispatch from President Mc-Kinley to "President" Masso and Gen-

Generally speaking, the condition of the concentrados is as pitiful as it was during the administration in the island ouring the administration in the island of Lieutenant General Weyler, despite Captain General Blanco's relief decrees. A relief fund of \$100,000 will hardly give the sufferers twenty cents each. La Lucha demands that the amounts expended by municipal authorities for the relief of the destitute inhabitants be published.

During the last month numerous robberies and stabbing affairs are reported to have occurred in Havana. These outrages are ascribed to the return to outrages are ascribed to the return to Havana from Ceuta prison of the "NanIgos" who have been pardoned for political offenses under recent decrees.
It is officially stated that many cane
fields in Havana province have been burned by the insurgense. It is reported that Brigadier Aranguean was at Cuanabacoa night before last. A party
of insurgents, it is reported unofficially, recently dynamited a culvert and bridge
midway between Sagua and Remdios.

It is reported that in various engage ments with the insurgents the forces of General Pando have suffered consider able losses. The column for several days was short of provisions, owing to the vigorous resistance made by the insurgents to the advance of the Spanlards and the many impediments place in their way. General Pando's exact losses are not known, owing to difficulty of communication, the heliographic towers at Guisa having been destroyed towers at Guisa maying been described. Eighty residents of Beinucal, in Ha-vana province, while foraging a few days ago were surprised by a band of insurgents, who stripped them of their clothing. The insurgents have burned the cane fields on the estate of Senor-Cardenas at Calabaza Sagua, near Minas

carrying a case containing dynamite in the province of Puerto Principe, the dynamite exploded, killing seven of the party and wounding eight others.

As is customary on Christmas eve large crowds of Spaniards assembled in Central park and indulged in dancing singing and other forms of amusement A large number of those present, be coming intoxicated, began to make demonstrations and to shout "Viva Wester!" "Viva Espana!" "Viva Union Constitutional!" "Down with autonomy!" and other disturbing cries. The police were summoned and upon their arrival ordered the crowd to disperse. No attentice was paid to their orders and the officers being reinforced, guards, were stationed in all the averages in the groups ir the park continued their shouling and demonstration, compelling the cavalry, a detachment of which had been summended to the scene, to charge upon them, sobre in hand, and disperse them. Several of the police were slightly injured by stones thrown by the populace. Eigh arrests were made, but no shots were fired.

Who Can Believe 11? coming intoxicated, began to make

Who Can Believe It !

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Secretary of State Sherman was seen to-night regarding a story cabled from Madrid to the effect that the United States had demanded of Spain \$3,000,000 indemnity to American traders for damages sustained through the rebellion in Cuba. The secretary stated that if any such demand had been made he had not heard of it. ly nothing in the story. Some one ma have attempted to foot up all the ind vidual claims that have been filed, bu even on that supposition, I should not a empt to say their estimate was corr

At the Spanish legaion it was said that o information had been received of any The legation had hereto been notified of the filing of all indi vidual claims, but it was thought im-probable that any claim in bulk would o made.

Blanco Gives a Hanquet

HAVANA, Dec. 26.-To-night Captain General Blanco gave a banquet to the officers of the German corvette Stein. Forty guests were present, inluding the Spanish admiral, the may r of Havana and other naval and authorities. Congressman William Henry King, of Utah, has arrived here.

Will Have to Be Pretty Sharp.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 26,-If pilot boat omers N. Smith, of Pensacola, gets out of this port with a filibustering expe dition she will have to run over th cutter Seward in the river and the cruiser Montgomery off the bar. The cruiser Montgomery off the bar. The Smith was here in August last, was docked and black leaded and had a speed wheel put in, also took off the figure three from her smokestack and went to sea at night, bound, rumor afterwards said, to Cuba with eighty men on board and a lot of arms and ammunition. No trace of this expedition was afterwards found, however, and Wm. Bazzell, commodore of the Pensacola pilots' association, presumably the owner of the tug, depied emphatically that the Smith was in the filibustering business.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 26.-A pecial to the Times-Union and Citizen special to the Times-Union and Citizen from Punta Gorda states that the eruleers Montgomery and cutters Forward and McLane arrived in Charlotte harbor this morning in search of a fill-bustering expedition that was reported to be about to sail for Cuba. Vessein in pori were searched but nothing of a contrabance nature was found.

A RUNAWAY TROLLEY CAR

Dashes Down a Grade and Crushes Into a Cigar Store-Three Persons Fatally In-

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26 .-Three persons were injured to-day in a runaway trolley car crash on the Roxborough, Chestnut Hill & Norristown road at Wissahickon, the circumstances being strikingly similar to those accompanying the fatal accident on the Wisalhickon & Manayunk road last Monday. The injured are:

Conductor William Webster, dislocation of the left hip, general contusions of the body and limbs and a badly lac rated face,

Motorman William Wilfong, contusions of the left arm and extensive lac erations of the scalp.

George Derwart, fifty-four years old, passenger, compound fracture of his

nose.

There were three other passengets on the cars, but they escaped with only slight braises. While the company will not sustain as much loss as its rival did last week, the damage done outside to a building into which the car crashed at the northwest corner of Ridge avenue and Osborne street, will probably foot up to several hundred dollars. The accident occurred about 6:15 a. m., when it was still dark. The car was No. 14, the first out on Sunday morning. When the car left the depot in Upper Roxborough, a fine mist and hall was falling, but as the motorman had little difficulty on the upper end of the line, he auticipated no danger when he struck the top of the long half mile hill that extends from Hermit Lane to Wessahekon Sation. Conductor Webster had, nevertheless gone to the front platform at Shurr's Lane to be there in case he was needed. There was pienty of sand, but the heavy car got a start and from that moment gained rapidly in speed.

The men in front labored with all their strength to check it, but by that time the four passengers inside had re alized that they were running at an inordinate rate. On a nearly level stretch
there they checked the speed a little,
but about a square below, in swinging
around a curve the wheels left the rails
and the car ran over the paving stones
toward the curb and up onto the sidewalk, on its way snapping off a giant
telegraph pole at the ground, dragging
down a sheet iron awning and finally
rounding up against the brick wall and
bow window of the Samuel T. Tanham's
cigar store. When the crash came Motorman Wilfong was hurled some twenty feet from the car and laid in the midalized that they were running at an inorgan store, when the crash came Mo-torman Wilfong was hurled some twen-try feet from the car and laid in the mid-dle of Osborne street, while his conduc-tor was all but buried in the mass of wreckage on the front platform. The two fireman who had escaped, hurried to lend them assistance, Yascker car-ing for the motorman and McGeehan extricating the conductor, who was the most seriously hurt and was in great pain.

By that time Mr. Banham, with his brother, Frederick Banham, who, with other residents of the locality had been rived on the scene and opened his stor to receive the injured. None of their in juries will result fatally. It was severa juries will result fatally. It was several hours before the damaged ear could be extricated from the mass of debris and re-tracked. Nearly the entire dasher, front platform and vestibule and a part of the roof were wrecked. When the car struck the telegraph pole it was with such force as to turn it half round. Had it not been for the telegraph pole the building would have been partly demolished.

BIG FORECLOSURE.

Large Majestic Office Building at Detroit to Change Hands.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—The filing

of a notice of its pendens has revealed the fact that two mortgage foreclosure suits have been commenced against the fourteen-story Majestic office building here, one by the New York Life Insurance Company on its \$800,000 first mortgage, and the other by Jacob Seligman and the Fisher estate, on their second

and the Figure estate, on their sector mortgage of \$300,000.

The bullding company has failed to pay the interest on the first mortgage, although granted an excension, and the foreclosure suit is brought by the in-surance company to protect itself. The Majestic Building Company is made up surance company to protect itself. The Majestic Building Company is made up of the contractors who took the prop-erty and mortgages off the hands of Godfrey & Hyde, the original owners. The heaviest stockholder is Winslow & Co., of Chicago. From present indica-tions the property will soon change ands.

First Fatality of the Season.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—Will-lam, son of John Harris, residing in the ward, while skating on Cross Creek, near Mingo Junction, this afternoon, broke through the ice and was drowned in spite of efforts to save him. His body was recovered several hours

An Old Soldier Attempted Suicide.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 26 .- John R. Cox, aged sixty-five years, an inmate of the Soldiers Home at Erle, Pa., attempt ed suicide this morping by shooting. Cox came here several weeks ago on a visit to his family. He had intended to return to Erie to-morrow and was engaged packing his trunk. His wife was ass ng and she left the room for a few mit During her absence she heard eport of a pistol. She rushed into the the bed. He had a revolver clutched in his right hand. An examination dis-closed the fact that he had shot himself behind the right car.

Well, This Was a "Hot Time." NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 26,be celebration of Christmas in this ity was productive of five shooting afcity was productive of five shooting af-frays, besides numberless street fights and cutting scrapes. The most scrous of the wounds was received by Charles McEiroy, who will probably de, In a quarrel over a woman, Ernest Saunders fired three times at McEiroy, two of the bullets taking effect. The participants in the other affrays were negroes who resorted to the use of pistols in a gen-eral molec in the negro section of the city. The wounded men are Edgar Scott, Charles Thornton, A. Warden and Sam Wilson.

The Henry George Memorial. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The commit-tee having charge of the Henry George memorial fund have made another appeal for subscriptions. In their report the committee state that \$13,000 has been subscribed, but this is no wise adequate for the erection of a memo-rial such as had been centemplated.

FIRST GUN FIRED

Means a Reverberation That Will Circle the World.

GREAT BRITAIN APPEARS

On the Scene, and the Complications lu the "Par East" Are Now Becoming More Involved Than Ever-Japan Will Back Up England Because She Hates Russia. The "Union Jack" Said to Slave Been Raised Over an Island at the Mouth of the Yang Tse Kinng-A Crisis in Japan. The Cabinet Resigns.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-A special dispatch from Shanghal says:

"It is reported that seventeen British warships are off Chemulpo, Corea, outhwest of Seoul supporting the British consul's protest, really to an ultimatum against the king's practically yielding the government of Corca into the hands of the Russlan minister.

"The protest is specially directed against the dismissal of McLesvey Brown, British adviser to the Corean customs, in favor of the Russian nominee. The news has produced consternation at Seoul, which is heightened by the knowledge that Japan has a fleet of thirty warships awaiting the result of the British representation that Japan fully supports, Japan is irritated by the arrival of Russian troops in Corea and it is believed that she will oppose

them."
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"According to advices from Tokio, Japan has offered to assist the officers at Pekin in drilling the Chinese army and to consent to a postponement of the war indemnity. Many of the vicerops and Pekin officials favor the proposal."

According to a dispatch to the Dally Mail from Shanghal, it is reported that, from reliable sources, that a British force landed at Chemilpo on Saturday, and caused the reliastatement of McLeavy Brown. The same dispatch refers to "a native rumor that the Union Jack has been hoisted on an Island in the mouth of the river Yang Tse Kiung."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25,—A telegram was received at the Japanese legation this morning, announcing that the Diet was formally opened by the emperor on the 24th inst. A vote of no confidence was proposed in the house of representatives and the Diet was dissolved on the 25th inst. This result is ascribed entirely to domestic causes, and is the preliminary to new elections, as under the constitution a new Diet must be convened with five months after the dissolution of the old one.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26.—The imperial diet has been dissolved before the house of representatives had started a dis-cussion of the motion of no confidence

cussion of the motion of no confidence in the cabinet. It is expected that there will be several ministerial chauses.

The Japanese diet was re-opened on Monday last with such a union of the three chief political parties as to make it certain that a vote of no confidence in the government would be carried. On Friday last the Mikado, in the speech from the throne declared that the relations of Japan with all the foreign powers were friendly, though he made no specific atusions to the complications in China. He announced that the government intended to submit fresh taxation measures, the character of which ation measures, the character of which is known to have united the three chief political parties in opposition, and to in-troduce a bill amending the codes, civil and criminal.

troutes a full amending the codes, ever and criminal.

Count Matsoukata, the premier, and admiral the Marquis Saigo Tsugumichi, minister of marine, have resigned.

It is probable that Count Ito will be

the new premier.

Will Rent It.

BERLIN, Dec. 26 -An inspired Chinese organ published here says that the Chinese emperor, in order to avoid the reproach of having lost territory will leave Kiso-Chau to Germany In perpetuity at a low rate with all the rights of sovereignty that England ex-ercises at Hong Kong.

An Awful Tragedy.

LONDON, Dec. 26.-A Mrs. Jarvis and her nine children, the youngest a baby, were burned to death at 5 o'clock this morning in the four-room cottage occupied by the Jarvis and two other families in Dixie street, both national green, London. The unfortunate family occupied the upper floor. By a strange coincidence, Mr. Jarvis, the woman's husband, who has been suffering from consumption, died in the workhouse infirmary this afterneon without hearing of the disaster. Mrs. Jarvis earned a scant livelihood by making match boxes and her room was filled with inflammable material. families in Dixie street, both national

Wrecked on a Reef.

NASSAU, N. H., Dec. 26-The schooner Harlequin, which as previously reported went ashore on the reef near Rumcay, Bahamas, on the 12th became a total loss The crew and materials were saved. The vessel was owned in New York. The British man-of-war Partridge went to her assistance and spent several hours in a vain effort of float her. The schooner was in ballast,

We Can't See it That Way.

MADRID, Dec. 26,-To-day Imparcial urges that in view of the character of the reply of United States Minister Woodford to the note of the Spanish government in answer to the first communication of the American government rnment in answer to the list commu-nication of the American government hrough him, it is necessary to increase he Spanish fleet as against the event-uality of a conflict with the United

British Engineers' Strike-

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The outcome of the ballot of the striking engineers, taken as the result of the recently ad taken as the result of the recently at journed conference between the repre-sentatives of the men and the employ-era, will not be known officially for sav-eral days, but there is no doubt that the verdict is overwhelmingly against the acceptance of the terms of the employ-

He Rests Well.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 25.—Hev. W. W. Taylor, and eighty-six years, the

A HORRIBLE SIGHT

Met the Gaze of the Son When He En-tered Home-Ills Mother Sat Stark Dend in the Chair.

INDIANA, Pa., Dec. 26 -Milton Neal and his aged wife were shot to death by an unknown assassin at their hom near Jacksonville, nine miles southwest of here, some time during Christmas. Their bodies were found at 9 o'clock that night by their son Harry, who was passing the house and stopped to pay a Christmas call on his parents. Neal was one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of the vicinity in which he lived.

Officers are to-day scouring the country for the murderer, but as yet he has not been apprehended

try for the murderer, but as yet he has not been apprehended.

When young Neal tried to enter his parents' home, he found the doors locked. He forced his way in through the cellar, and on entering the sitting room a horrible sight met him. On a chair near the window lay the form of his mother, her face entirely blown away. At her feet was all that remained of her husband, and a ghastly hole in the side of his head told the tale of his murber. At his side lay a double barrelied shot gun, the implement of death. All of the walls, cellings and articles of furniture in the room were spattered with blood, and on the celling was a good sized dent, in which was embedded a piece of the murdered woman's skull.

For a time there was a suspicion of suicide, but as the facts in the case developed the murder theory gained strength. The woman was killed with hird shot, the husband with buck shot. There were so marks of powder on his face, something which, it is said, would have been impossible to avoid had suicide been committed with a shot gun. There is nothing to indicate that the crime was committed for plunder, as in Mr. Neal's pocket was a 110 bill and a 120 bill lay on the top of a dresser. The friends say they have a clue upon which they will at once begin work to trace down the murderer.

To Extend the Wire Trust.

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CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—There is talk emong steel men of a further extension now said that efforts will be made to induce all the steel billet mills in the country to ally themselves with the trust not as members, but as contributors, trust will seek to induce the manufacturers of billets to promise not to sell to whe manufacturers that may possibly start outside of the trust and in return the trust will promise to take billets from all these manufacturers as it may need them. The object of this is to keep the billet makers in good humor and prevent their going into the wire business themselves. Those who are closest to the sources of information express the ultimost confidence in the carrying through of the plans for the formation of the trust and it may be said that all the negotiations are progressing favorably.

Miss Shields was Very Unfortunate. CANTON, O., Dec. 25.—Miss Clara Shields, Manghter of R. S. Shields, former United States district attorney,and a cousin of Mrs. Day, wife of Assistant Secretary Pary, was severely burned at her home here to-day. Her clothing igher home here to-day. Her clothing ig-nited from an open gas fire place, and her father, answer her shrick for help, found her in flames. The lower portion of her body and legs were severely burned and grave apprehensions were felt at first. It is now thought, however, that nothing serious will result. Miss Shields was to have accompanied the Days back to Wash'ngton this week for a social season at the capitol.

SANDY HOOK, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The office, storchouse, stable and one of the lodging houses, all old wooden build-ings, at Camp Low, were consumed by fire early this morning. Camp Low was established at the former landing of the Sandy Hook boats. During the cholera sandy Hook boats. During the cholera, scare a few years ago, the wharf and platform were inclosed and roofed over and several hundred passengers were kept in quarantine there. The marine hospital service abandoned the station last year and the buildings were purchased by a contractor who used them as a large boarding camp for the men employed in building garrison quarters at Fort Hancock. An overheated stoye is supposed to have caused the fire.

Fighting Fire at Sea. sh steamer Lamberts Point, Captain Humphreys, seven days from Norfolk, Va., to Liverpool, with cattle, cotton, grain and a general cargo, has arrived

grain and a general cargo, has arrived here with her cetton on fire and the ship in a bad state.

On Friday afternoon the fire was discovered in the compartment amidships. It gained headway rapidly. Hotes were cut in the cabin flooring, pipes inserted and the compartment flooded with steam and water. The captain headed the vessel for this port, and for forty-cish hours nobody rested, all hands battling the fire, which, steadily gaining, spread to the fore-compartment.

Londed Oil Lamp. WILKESBARRE, Pa. Dec. 26 .- Mrs. Frank Rouche, of Plymouth, attempted o remove a coal oil lamp from a table last night, when it exploded. ourning oil enveloped her body and before assistance arrived she was so ter-ribly burned that the flesh hung in sareds. Sue died in great agony at an shreds. She died in great early hour this morning.

Again the Careless Parents.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 26.-Grace and Annie Nelson, whose parents live near here, were left alone in their home last ners, were let alone in their nome last evening. The former fell into the grade fire and her clothing was ignited. She was burned to death. In trying to save the life of her sister, Annie was also bad-ly burned and it is believed she cannot

Movements of Steamships,

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LIVERPOOL-Arived: Tauric, New QUEENSTOWN — Sailed: Aurania from Liverpool from New York; de-ained at Liverpool and Queenstown by

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